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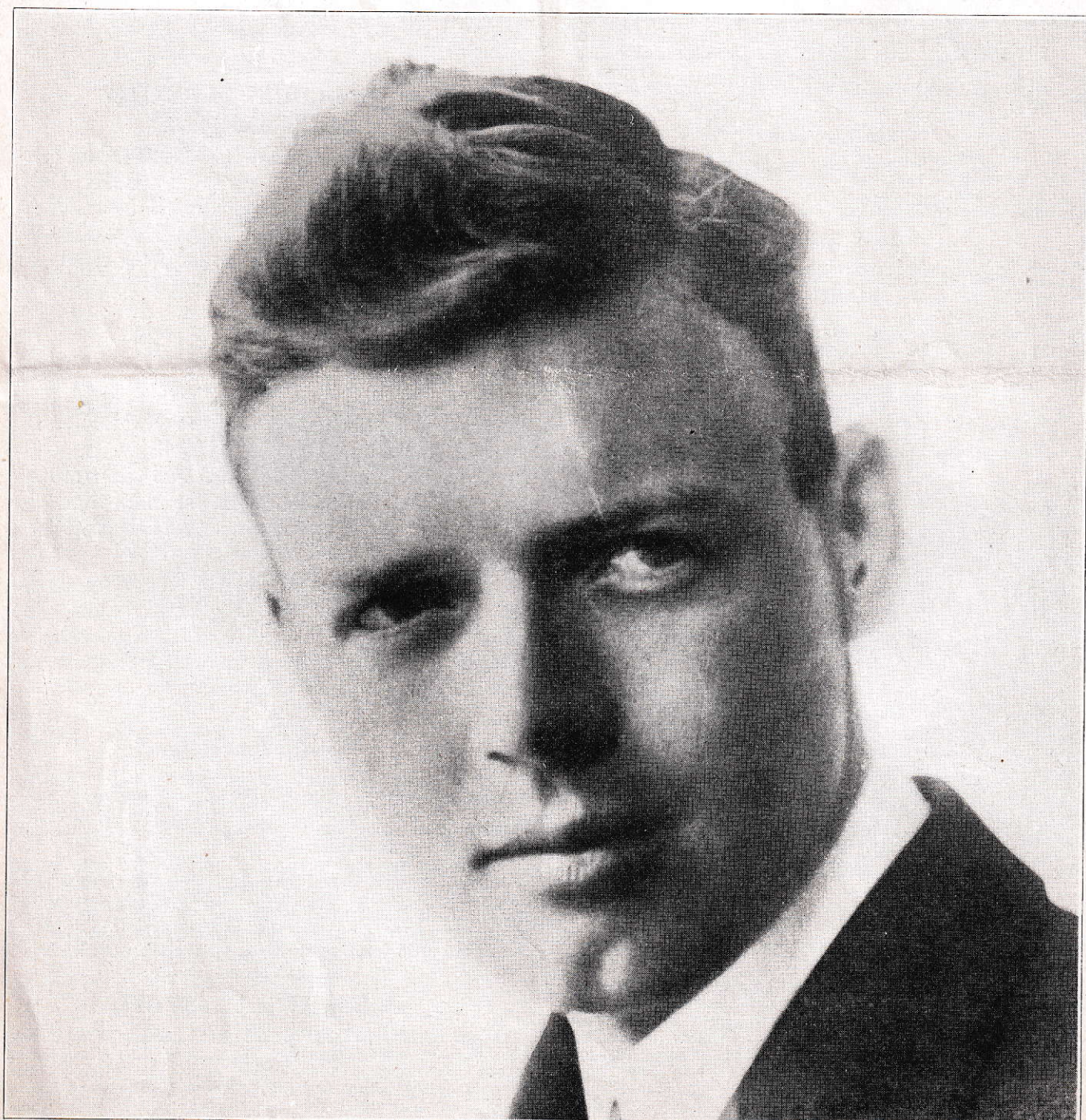
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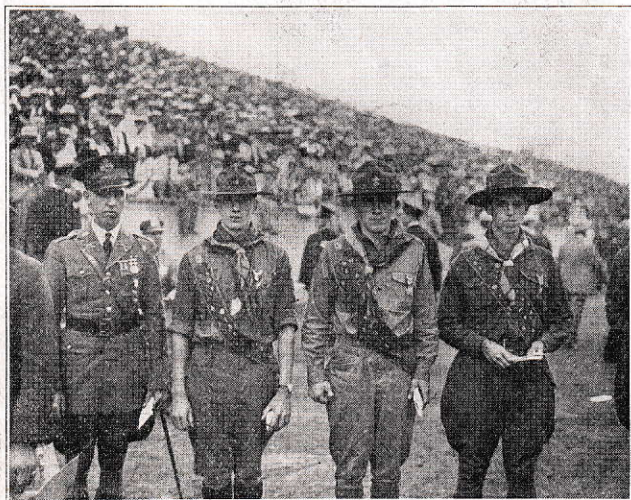
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### LONE EAGLE Decorates JAMBOREE SCOUTS

**E**XCITEMENT everywhere. Then the cry here "he comes" and thousands gaze into the sky as "WE" came sailing into view circling the Stevens Hotel, then a swing back and a circle around the Tribune Tower, then straight down the stretch over the Field Museum and Grant Park Stadium, then out to the Municipal Landing Field. Such cheering was never heard before and was everyone thrilled at the sign of our HERO in The Spirit of St. Louis? Certainly! But not as thrilled as Scouts Harold Vollman, John Manz, Edward Leland and Ken Williams, for they were to shake hands with this HERO

and have their JAMBOREE medals presented to them by LINDY.

Scouts of Chicago were given a number of important assignments in the LINDBERGH reception. EAGLE Scouts, 32 to be exact, acted as a Guard of Honor at Grant Park Stadium and at the Stevens Hotel during the reception in the afternoon and banquet in the evening. And were they treated royally? The Recreation room on the 12th floor was turned over to them for a little—rest—and after LINDY had been escorted to the Banquet table Mr. Stevens surprised these EAGLE SCOUTS by giving them a real banquet in a private room. Did they appreciate this "GOOD TURN?" You ask them.

A great compliment was paid the Boy Scouts of America at the banquet when announcement was made that a number of organizations were desirous of presenting gifts to LINDY but the Scouts were the only group so honored. And that was a real tribute and the four JAMBOREE SCOUTS representing you very ably presented LINDY with a Scout Statuette, Johnnie Manz making the speech. I could see these four lads stiffen just a little as LINDY reached across the table and took them by the hand. LINDY was PREPARED. May every Scout follow his example.

### City Wide COURT of REVIEW OCTOBER

EAGLE and PALM COURT OF REVIEW WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, at SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, 37 S. WABASH AVENUE, ROOM 905, at 6:30 P. M. APPLICATIONS must be filed at HEADQUARTERS on WEDNESDAY, October 5th.

### NOVEMBER

EAGLE and PALM COURT OF REVIEW WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, at SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, 37 S. WABASH AVENUE, ROOM 905, at 6:30 P. M. APPLICATIONS must be filed at HEADQUARTERS on WEDNESDAY, November 2nd.

The City Court of Honor, desiring to be of greater service to the Scout field, has chosen the 2nd Wednesday of the month for Eagle and Eagle Palm Court of Review for the fall and winter months.

### REGISTRATION

Were you at the first troop meeting this fall? Say, we are getting started early and did the Scoutmaster have a surprise for us? After every fellow told how he spent his vacation outside of going to Camp for two weeks he made the following announcement:

After appointing a Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders for each Patrol he told us that our registration expired in October and that if half of the reregistering Scouts took Boys' Life we could get it for \$1.00 a year. You just watch our Troop take advantage of this offer and be right out in front on all Scout practice this coming year.

### A SCOUT is THRIFTY

Word has reached the Editor that the Scouts of Troop No. 82 have been very active this summer in the matter of troop advancement and outside activities. Nine of the Scouts hustled about and during spare hours earned \$39.96 raising gardens which they are going to use in buying their uniforms. That's the stuff, fellows, keep it up.



# Oh, Scout! Here is Good News!

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## BOYS' LIFE

BOYS' LIFE was the first magazine to publish a story of Lindbergh after his flight—"A Pathfinder of the Skies," by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

BOYS' LIFE was the first magazine to publish Commander Richard E. Byrd's story of his flight across the Atlantic.

### BIG SCOUT HELPS, TOO

Dan Beard, that grand old scout, and National Scout Commissioner, answers about 50 questions on Scouting in every issue and contributes articles for scouts on "How to Make."

Your own Chief Scout Executive, James E. West, is Editor of BOYS' LIFE and gives you every month a page of editorials and general news on Scouting.

See our great "True Adventure Series"; "Snakes," by Sir Robt. Baden Powell; "Shipwrecks," by Capt. Bob Bartlett.

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### SEE YOUR SCOUTMASTER

Take this page with you to your next troop meeting. Show it to your Scoutmaster and urge him to speak to the fellows about it, so they can start saving now for a subscription at \$1.00 at troop reregistration time.



## Thrilling STORIES for BOYS

**The Trade Wind** is the \$2000 Little Brown prize story for 1927, and it well deserves the honor. It deals with the experiences of a boy on the voyage of the *Anna Maria* to the West Indies, the African coast, the Spanish coast, and Tangiere. It is by Cornelia Meigs, and published by Little.

**The Mounted Troop** was so popular when it appeared serially in *Boys' Life* that we want to bring it to the attention of Scouts who are not subscribers to the magazine. It is a western Scout story of honesty and pluck, with plenty of thrills thrown in. The author is Joseph B. Ames and the publisher Century.

**The Book of Bravery** will be greatly valued in the troop library. It is a tremendous compilation of incidents which will prove indispensable to the Scoutmaster for reading at troop meetings or telling around the fire. The author is Henry W. Lanier, and the book is published by Scribner.

**On to Oregon!** is the picture of thirteen year old John Sager's sullen disobedience and shirking disposition, his remorse after his parents die of the hardships along the Oregon Trail, his determination to go on, and of how he leads the family of a younger brother and five sisters to safety. The book is written by Honore Willie Morrow and published by Morrow.

**A Boy's Eye-View of the Arctic** can be had by any boy who reads this book, as Kennett Rawson, the author, is the boy of the expedition, and he tells how a real boy feels about it. Published by Macmillan.

**Renfrew Rides Again.** The gallant Renfrew, assisted by two boys, fights a long drawn battle with a group of out and out ruffians, who give him a difficult chase, in the great primeval wildernesses of Canada. The book, by Laurie York Erskine, is published by Appleton.



**The Big Row at Ranger's**, the "best house" at a prominent English school nearly finished the career of Richard Ware. The story of how he "came through" is one that boys will long remember. The author is Kent Carr and the publisher Harcourt.

**The Boys' Life of Alexander Hamilton.** Is there a boy or girl who has not thrilled to the name of this most colorful character in American history? His was a life of action, accomplishments and tragedies. Helen Nicolay makes him live for us again in all his glory. The book is published by Century.

**Gay-Neck, The Story of a Pigeon**, from its birth in far away India through its experiences in the World War, beautifully told by Dhan Gopal Mukerji and exquisitely illustrated with pictures by the artist Boris Artzybasheff. It is published by Dutton.

**Engineering for Boys**, by Ellison Hawks, is a wonderfully interesting account of some of the marvels of British engineering with some of the history and mechanical details. There are turbines, railways, tunnels, light-houses, bridges, canals, and other unusual feats. Published by the Nelson Company.

**Forward Ho!** by Perry Newberry takes us back to the great war. The hero is the son of an American father and a French mother who lives in one of the French villages which is captured by the Germans. His escape and adventures make a powerful story. The publisher is Stokes.

**Wild Animals** tells how Wynant D. Hubbard, the author, tracked, hunted and captured animals for his African zoo. His genuine affection for the wild four-footed creatures has enabled him to present their personalities and habits in a very realistic way. Published by Appleton.

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## TROOPS Registering During the Last MONTH

Troop	Meeting Place	Scoutmaster	Expiration
303	Tabernacle Baptist Ch. 3300 W. Monroe St.	Merle Carpenter 3519 W. Adams St. Kedzie 2422	Aug., 1928
385	Austin Swed. M. E. Ch. Menard & Augusta Av.	Birger Dahl 130 Augusta St. Euc. 4356	Aug., 1928
458	Mark White Square 30th and Halsted Sts.	E. C. Johnson 655 W. 14th St.	Aug., 1928
502	St. Thomas Ch. Hall 55th and Kimbark	Bryce Bryar 5467 University Ave. Dor. 6061—Frank. 3000	Aug., 1928
859	St. James Evang. Ch. 2644 Pratt Ave.	Curt Wilhelmi 6030 N. Claremont Ave. R. P. 4338—Hay. 4222	Aug., 1928
1802	Bethel Presby. Ch. Windsor and Menard	B. Wiedenhoef 5756 Slocum St. Lawn. 5000—Loc. 1946	July, 1928
1803	Our Redeemer Ch. 3809 N. Harlem Ave.	N. J. Herres 3516 N. 72nd St. Ked. 2500	Aug., 1928
64	Wicker Park Ch. 2112 LeMoyne St.	Geo. Cooper 2112 LeMoyne St. Armitage 0263	Sept., 1928
74	Christopher House 2507 Greenview Ave.	Donald E. Mitchell 2507 Greenview Ave. Buckingham 6326	Sept., 1928
672	Visitation School 54th Pl. and Peoria St.	Harv J. Moss 708 W. 55th St. Yards 6900	Sept., 1928
715	Pullman Presby. Ch. 110th and S. Park Ave.	John B. Watkins 10921 Vernon Ave. Commodore 1718	Sept., 1928

Scout and Scout Leaders, we are certainly glad to extend the hand of fellowship to you and welcome you into Chicago Scouting.

## HIKING Year Round

The usual Labor Day Hike was called for September third, fourth and fifth, but on account of Owasippe Camps closing on the third, the attendance was unusually light; enough, however, were present to put over one of the most complete good turns it has been our good fortune to meet.

Two boys (not Scouts), unknown to any of the troop members, had camped Saturday night at the extreme western end of our camping sector some five hundred feet distant, and on leaving Sunday morning did not completely extinguish their fire. This fire apparently smoldered some hours until a light breeze was sufficient to fan into flames and caught fire in dry grass, then quickly spread in four directions. The alarm was given by Mr. Gratton, A. S. M., who arrived in Camp about 11:30 a. m. Five other Scouts quickly got into action but soon found they had a real job. In about an hour and a half they had completely checked a very stubborn condition which sharply threatened one of the two nearby farm houses, both families being absent. The other house was also in serious danger a little later. After three hours' constant and hard work, fire was under complete control. The Scouts, however, patrolled the area far into the night and Mr. Gratton made up his bed and remained on the battlefield until 2 a. m. The six highly privileged Scouts were:

The Scoutmaster,

A. S. M., R. H. Gratton,

Merit Badgs Scouts, Paul Eble and Frank Vander Goten,

Tenderfoots, Thos. Ballentyne and Wm. Simpson.

Water was carried in pails over two hundred yards from a farmer's pump house in relays and applied with extreme judgment and effect by Mr. Gratton whose knowledge of fire fighting evidently was not learned by School of Correspondence or from a gas range.

GEORGE S. WOOD

Scoutmaster, Troop 516



## STARVED ROCK HIKE Being Planned

The old timers are asking about the Annual Starved Rock Hike taken the three days following Thanksgiving. Up until now we have to tell them, "Yes, we think there will be one." Now, though, we can cause our faces to be lighted up and with keen anticipation announce, "Absolutely, there is going to be a Starved Rock Hike!"

This year the hike will be limited to those who are members of the Order of the Arrow.

"My word!" you say, "What's this about the Order of the Arrow members being the only ones allowed to go?"

That's the dope, fellows, but all that is being discussed some place else. Let's talk about the hike here.

This hike is a yearly affair taken the three days after Thanksgiving which this year will be November 24th. The hikers go de luxe. By that we mean they travel in their own private train, they sleep in hotels and eat in restaurants. The objective of the hike is historical old Starved Rock, away across the state, near La Salle, Illinois. Besides visiting the celebrated rock, the bunch visit industrial plants, this year a coal mine in all probability, they see many other historical places, have a great Rally with Scouts from other towns making similar trips and have the finest sort of a time you can possibly imagine.



The plan this year is to make the trip in electric trains to La Salle, Illinois, and there visit a coal mine, attend the rally spoken of before, sleep in the Hotel Kaskaskia. The second day they will visit Deer Park in all probability, and the famous Starved Rock Park. At dusk they will embark in their train at Utica, Illinois, and be carried to Joliet where the night will be spent in the Woodruff Inn. Next morning after a late breakfast and church the hikers will board their train once more and after visiting Lockport and there inspecting the great locks which form the connecting link in the deep waterway project now to become a reality, they arrive back in Chicago by noon and are able to reach home in time for dinner in all probability.

The cost of this two hundred and fifty mile trip, the hotel bill and meals will no doubt again cost this year the large sum of five dollars. Because some special Order of the Arrow affairs are planned, only those now members of this Camp Honor Fraternity will be permitted to go. Watch next month's SCOUTCRAFT for further details but in the meantime you can ask your Field Executive to hold open a place for you. There is a registration fee of one dollar necessary, leaving a balance of four dollars payable later.

## ROOSEVELT

October 27, 1858

January 6, 1919

He was found faithful over a few things and he was made ruler over many; he cut his own trail clean and straight and millions followed him toward the light.

He was frail; he made himself a tower of strength. He was timid; he made himself a lion of courage. He was a dreamer; he became one of the great doers of all time.

Men put their trust in him, women found a champion in him, kings stood in awe of him, but children made him their playmate.

He broke a nation's slumber with his cry, and it rose up. He touched the eyes of blind men with flame and gave them vision. Souls became swords through him; swords became servants of God.

He was loyal to his country, and he exacted loyalty; he loved many lands, but he loved his own land best.

He was terrible in battle, but tender to the weak, joyous and tireless, being free from self-pity; clean with a cleanliness that cleansed the air like a gale.

His courtesy knew no wealth or class; his friendship, no creed or color or race. His courage stood every onslaught of savage beast and ruthless man, of loneliness, of victory, of defeat. His mind was eager, his heart was true, his body and spirit defiant of obstacles, ready to meet what might come.

He fought injustice and tyranny; bore sorrow gallantly; loved all nature, bleak places, and hardy companions, hazardous adventure and the zest of battle. Wherever he went he carried his own pack; and in the uttermost parts of the earth he kept his conscience for his guide.

—Hermann Hagedorn

## Your SCOUT Uniform

Every boy who comes into Scouting promises to live up to the SCOUT OATH and endeavor to do a GOOD TURN daily.

In order to look like the other fellows in the troop he goes down to the Official Outfitters' and purchases a SCOUT UNIFORM. Frequently Scouts do not have their certificate when they want to purchase Scout equipment. I am at a loss to understand why a Scout would try to purchase any part of the official Scout Uniform without his CERTIFICATE. It is absolutely necessary that you present your CERTIFICATE when purchasing Official Scout equipment.

Now may I say a word about wearing your Uniform. A Scout who has his hat badge and sleeve badges in their proper place makes a very fine appearance and a credit to the Boy Scouts of America, but the fellow who is careless in his appearance makes a very poor impression and is not a credit to the movement he represents. Let us take stock and check over our uniforms and see that they have all badges where they belong so we will be a credit to the troop we represent.

## FOR CAMP OR HIKE take SNAP SHOTS

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## CAMP DIRECTORS "REMINISCE"

### CAMP BLACKHAWK DIVISIONS

Camp Blackhawk experimented with an older boy program during the season of 1927. The names of the different divisions were Pioneers, Indians, Engineers, Coast Guard, and Seascouts. This was not the first experiment. A similar program was tried in 1925 and it worked so successfully that it was used on a larger scale this year. Fifty per cent of the Scouts in camp the 4th period were enrolled in the divisional program. Forty-two per cent participated during the 5th period.

The Pioneers built their shelters on one hill and a short distance away the Indians pitched their tepees. The Engineers were off by themselves also what little time they were in camp. Most of their days and nights were spent, out on the line, surveying through the deep woods and in to almost impassable swamps. These Scouts would establish headquarters at some place high and dry where they would sleep and eat, returning for a second and third night sometimes. The Coast Guard were established at the water front where they were ever on duty both in work and play. The Seascouts used the log cabin as headquarters, but most of their time was spent in and on the water. They, like the Coast Guard and other divisional groups, however, participated in such parts of the regular camp program as cooking, hikes, treasure hunts, and the barbecue.

Only old campers were allowed to take part in these older boy programs. The keen competition of being the best camper of any one of the five older Scout groups assured clean, snappy, high-grade camping at all times. There was no racing to assemblies but every Divisional Program man was on time for meals, the division table was always orderly and well-cleaned, and the contribution of the different divisions to the good of the camp was noticeable.

The Pioneers not only built Adirondack shelters but made good headway on other improvements. Their uniforms representing buckskin shawls and coats set them off and very closely resembled that of the frontiersman of the early days. They helped in the building of the Council ring, the bridge, and the diving tower.

The Indians whose costume consisted of the head gear, shorts, and painted body, lived in their tepees and worked on the long house and grass mats. They tried hard to earn the feathers that distinguished them as braves, warriors, or chiefs. They marked out some new trails and furnished good entertainment at camp fires and showed the new campers how to make woods beds.



The Engineers surveyed the greater part of two sections as their extra contribution to camp this Summer. The Coast Guards taught Sinkers to swim and assisted with the rest of the water program by doing Life Guard work by shifts throughout the day. The Seascouts built a sailing vessel from a clinker row boat; the canvass of a discarded tent was used for the sails.

Adult leaders and experienced campers helped guide the work of the older Scouts who were in the divisional program.

### COOKING

In past years Camp Blackhawk has fostered the idea of having the scouts do their own cooking on hikes. This year marks the start of a new phase in camp-cooking. When the scouts arrived in camp they were split up into cooking groups. Each group cooked over its own fire and did all their firemaking, etc. On their first day in camp they were instructed in making fires and fire-places. They were then able to proceed to cooking instructions the next day. The first lesson was in cooking oatmeal. Although this is not hard, the scouts learned several wrinkles about preparing oatmeal in a tasty way. On following days they were shown how to bake potatoes, make biscuit, stew, and rice pudding. The real test came on the first Friday when the whole camp cooked the noon meal out-of-doors. Every one had enough to eat and many of the scouts made dishes which would be a credit to any good cook.

On the overnight hike each boy carried only materials to be cooked. There were no cans issued which is something new in the Owassippe Scout Camps. When it was time for second class, first class, and merit badge cooking it was found that no instructions were necessary, as the scouts were prepared. The better cooks the scouts become, the better will be their camping.

### HIKING

Overnite hikes to the White River Country combined with the treasure hunt was a climax of real adventure, and an honest to goodness thrill. As we combined nature study with hiking our exploration hikers found new points of interest at the end of every trail. From new ways of cooking learned on these hikes Scouts were well fed and slept comfortably on beds which they learned to make. Every Scout was taught proper packing, bed making, and his packs and hiking equipment were inspected before starting on a trip.

### CANOEING Down the WHITE RIVER

(From the Canoe's Log, "Spirit of Owassippe")

It was late afternoon when two canoes were taken from a truck and slipped into the White River at Podunk Bridge. They represented Camps Blackhawk and Checaugau, making the season's first trip down the river. Blackhawk's canoe crew was Teker, Ockenga, and Miller (myself). The party was equipped with tools to clear the river of bad obstructions.

The river was shallow and rocky at first and then deeper and sandy. A great variety of trees and birds were identified. The scenery was beautiful with sunny and shady places, overhanging trees, water plants over which hovered damselflies.

A portage was made around a fallen bridge and log jam. Here brush was cut and a path made for future trips.

It was nearly dark when camp was made on a high bank. It rained at night but we were comfortable in a mosquito bar under a Baker tent.

The next day the sun was out and we continued down stream meeting with a number of incidents and did more clearing. We pulled out at Deadman's Rollway and portaged about a mile into Big Blue Lake. A short run across a choppy lake and we were back in camp in time for supper.

It was a great trip.

ALLAN R. CARPENTER, Camp Director



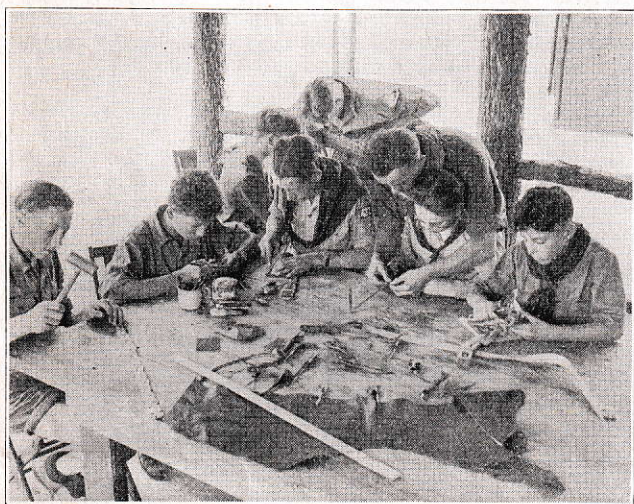
## CAMP McDONALD

While the attendance at Camp McDonald during the first three periods was not as large as might be desired, the general activities and advancement program has been exceptional. All previous records in the matter of tests passed have been excelled. Camp McDonald in the swimming program for the first three periods ranks first in percentage of sinkers taught to swim, the percentage being 88%.

Under the leadership of Mr. Raymond C. Laylor, new activities director, many innovations in the way of games and general program events have been introduced. Old campers and Scoutmasters will be glad to know Mr. Laylor will very likely be with us next season.

All Scoutmasters and Scouts who failed to go to camp this summer are urged to make an effort to register their troops at as early a date as possible for 1928.

RALPH E. MOWEN, Director



## CAMP WEST

The summer of 1927 is undoubtedly the best that the camp has ever had. The attendance was somewhat larger each period than the corresponding period last year, but more important, the boys all had a happier time than ever. Definite care was taken to minimize the amount of work expected of the boys and to increase the emphasis on the recreational program. Moreover, throughout the entire program, effort was made to make it more informal, to remove unessential restrictions and regulations, and to make activities so far as possible optional. The boys were not driven so hard as in previous years, and had more opportunity for rest, as well as greater freedom in the choice of activity. The net result has been that the boys have had a very happy camp experience. This fact is clearly shown by the very large proportion of "Stayovers" from period to period, these averaging in excess of 40%—the highest it has ever been.

The Fourth of July celebration the first period was greatly enjoyed, as always, and the Treasure Hunt was a big feature. The second period stunt was to have been an Indian Hunt, and we were all set for that, when word came that a child was lost at one of the resorts on White Lake. A real—not a play—hunt ensued, in which the Scouts did wonderful work in searching for the boy. Fifty Camp West Scouts formed a skirmish line at six foot intervals, and beat back and forth across the territory assigned to them, holding them, holding their line direction and intervals in remarkable fashion, and the boys of other camps did similarly. Eventually the boy was located by a party including Edward Colcard and Jules Weisberg, two of our Scout Life Guards, he having been drowned in White Lake.

The Circus was the big feature third period, and went off better than ever. There was a splendid program, featuring the more spectacular parts of Scouting, including tent pitching, outdoor cookery and pioneering construction. Then came the usual fourth period barbecue, which is always relished and another Treasure Hunt, and finally the big Fifth Period Inter-Camp Treasure Hunt.

The swimming this year was the thing that made the

biggest impression on the Scouts, with the lake up, and our having exclusive use of the old pier. And the eats came a close second, being far better than even the excellent meals we had last year. Then, for those who were eligible the canoes were a big attraction. Particularly the trips down the White River were greatly enjoyed. The older First Class Scouts now have something definite to come back to camp for. The physical improvements of the camp were another big factor, the new tent floors being especially enjoyed, and the nature study pavilion built during the season proved a big addition to the camp. Yes, it was unquestionably Camp West's best season. Ask anyone who was there.

CARROLL A. EDSON, Director

## CAMP BEARD

### The STAY-OVER Hike

Well, fellows, the camping season of 1927 at Owaspippe is a thing of the past. Mr. Rue Miller's men have carefully packed things away and our tents are all rolled and stored in the old mess hall—nothing left but the memories of the good times we had at Camp Dan Beard.

The stayovers from the 4th to the 5th period at Dan Beard will long remember the good times on the first big Owaspippe truck hike.

Our destination was Ludington. We were organized like a regular troop with Mr. Gunn for Scoutmaster. Mr. Robertson and Roy Bredal as Assistant Scoutmasters, Freddie Fahrenfeld as Commissary Officer and for the first part of the trip Doctor Gamet as Medical Officer, but we lost him in a good turn on account of two bum ones at New Era. There were five patrols in all: The Skunk Patrol—Joe Noble, P. L.; The Cuckoo Patrol—Don Prondfoot, P. L.; The Tattered Dish Rag Patrol—Paul Grossenbach, P. L.; Belknap Patrol—Joe Gibson, P. L.; Reptile Patrol—J. Pawliger, P. L.

We pulled out of Dan Beard at 3:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon, each Scout with his own pack and messgear, on one of King's largest trucks driven by Tom King, Mr. Gunn and Freddie with the grub leading the procession in the old-tin Lizzie.

We made good time until we reached New Era just in time to witness a good Red Cross First Aid problem for Dr. Gentle's city-wide contest something like this.

Woman driving heavy car too fast attempts to make sharp turn, skids on pavement, crashes into Ford sedan containing two middle-aged couples. Sedan turned over on side, glass smashed; men crawl out suffering somewhat from shock, dazed; one woman, head bruised, deep gash on right knee, three inches long, bleeding profusely; second woman suffering from shock, right collar bone broken. Remove patients and treat. The first aid squad, headed by Doc, got busy; Scouts took traffic duty; the rest had town leave. Tom King did his good turn by helping the girls at the one and only soda fountain wait on the crowd.

Doc fixed his patients up, bundled them into a borrowed car, buzzed off to the Shelby Hospital, while we resumed our journey.

Through Shelby, Hart, Pentwater, with a short stop in Ludington, then on to the Piney Ridge resort on Hamlin Lake. Here we were reduced to man's first means of transportation. Everyone humping his own pack and guided by Mr. Ward of Postal's Health Club, who was resorting at Piney Ridge, we struck up into the Dunes. And it was up! Pike's Peak had nothing on that sand dune for straight up. When we reached the Lake Michigan side of the dune, it didn't take long to get supper and bed down for the night. It was a pretty sight with six little camp fires blinking in twilight, the vast expanse of dunes and pine trees with old Lake Michigan murmuring away on its sandy beach in the middle distance.

We were tired but most of us didn't get to sleep until late, as we lay awake a long time watching a wonderful display of Northern Lights playing across the sky. Gee, it was great!

In the morning the Catholic boys went to early mass in Ludington, the others had their own devotionals. Afterwards the morning was spent in exploring the dunes and shore line. We took a dip in Lake Michigan. Just a dip. Wow, was it cold? Then we had a Greek track meet to get warm again.



We broke camp about noon and went over on the shores of Hamlin where we ate our lunch. Leaving our packs and baggage detail at Piney Ridge and guided by Mr. Snyder of the Michigan Power Company and his son, we started hiking to the Hamlin dam where we were to be met by launches from Piney Ridge and Edgewater Beach resorts. We had a good five-mile hike through rough country to the dam which backs up the little Sauble River to form Hamlin Lake. Saw a bald eagle, and at a distance the virgin pine woods of the new state park, also the old camp site of the Ludington Scout Camp where a creeping sand dune buried the mess hall in less than a year.

Through the kindness of Mr. Smith, owner of Piney Ridge Resort, and an unknown friend of Scouting from Detroit, the launches met us at 5:00 o'clock and transported our party to the new Ludington Camp—Camp Michawa, nine miles up upper Hamlin Lake from the dam.

We were welcomed by Mr. M. L. Fay, the Scout Executive, who with some officers were preparing to close camp. The chef had a swell hot supper for us and after retreat we turned in and had a big night's sleep on steel cots with mattresses.

Tom King came rowing across the lake before breakfast was all cleared up to tell us he was waiting for us. We embarked, all of us in a big steel whale boat and were towed by a one lung launch across the lake to the waiting truck.

Eleven miles into Ludington, a visit to the U. S. Coast Guard station through the kindness of Captain Haysmith.

The Light House tender Hyacinth was tied up at the station and Captain H. W. Maynard showed our party around explaining the special machinery and showing us the chart room. Capt. Maynard said it was too rough to tend the Little Point Sauble light and we all said "Oh, boy! Glad we aren't with the gang coming to camp today."



After lunch at the Club Cafe, we boarded our truck and went out to the Morton Salt works. It would take an hour to tell what all we saw there. Our party was conducted through the works by Mr. Grotimat, assistant chemist, who explained the processes used. There are three common methods of obtaining salt: mining it, evaporating salt water, and well drilling. The Ludington works uses the latter method. Three pipe wells are drilled some 2,800 feet down to solid rock salt. Through one pipe tube warm water is forced down into the well which dissolves the rock salt; through the second pipe is forced compressed air, which forces the salt solution up out of the third pipe. We saw mountains of grain salt in the warehouse ready for loading on the big boats. All the spilled salt is saved and compressed into large cakes used for cattle lick.

At two-thirty we scrambled aboard the truck and were back in old Camp Dan Beard in time to set up the tables and welcome the fifth period Scouts.

We all vote the First Owasippe Truck Hike a success and hope we can all go on the next one with more time for stop-overs. We want to stop in Peutwater, also have a real hike into the virgin pine timber north of Hamlin Lake and a visit to the Little Point Sauble light house.

Hamlin Lake has interesting country, great dunes, big pine woods, and up near the state park is the site of a town founded before Ludington was a settlement. All that is left of it is overgrown ruins. A great country for an exploration hike. Here's hoping we can take our time to it next year.

WALTER H. GUNN, Camp Director

## Some Comments on the Football Rules for the Interscholastic Football Guide, 1927

Coach Alonzo A. Stagg

More important changes have been made in the Football Rules for the present season than for several years. No one can fully prophesy to what extent they will affect the play but it is unlikely, first, that this year coaches will fully comprehend the possibilities of maneuvers opened up to them and, second, that teams will develop the necessary skill to make them completely effective. I have thought that a brief discussion of two of the changes might be useful.

Since 1876, the Rules Committee has made only one change in the boundaries of the field. In 1912, the distance between the goal lines was shortened from three hundred and thirty feet to three hundred feet. This year, a very interesting change has been made in placing the goal posts on the end lines rather than the goal lines, thereby separating the goal posts by a distance of three hundred and sixty feet.

I am of the opinion that this will help the play considerably, first, because the goal posts were an obstruction, particularly in the free use of the forward pass near the goal lines and, second, they were sometimes in the way when a team was kicking from behind its own goal line. In addition, placing them ten yards further back, will make it possible to use wide plays when near the goal line without fear of being deprived of a chance to try for goal on a fourth down.

In American football, it has always been possible to use backward passes and in the '70's and early '80's they were much used, but after interferences were allowed to precede the runner with the ball, the nature of the American game markedly changed. The chief beauty of play in English, Australian, New Zealand and Canadian Rugby games, has been the backward passing. The Rules Committee, in an effort to encourage backward and lateral passing, has taken away the danger of a wild toss or an uncaught backward pass, by making the ball dead at the spot where the ball hits the ground.

For over a generation, American football teams have been coached and trained in keeping possession of the ball, and it is unlikely that our coaches this season will generally adopt backward passing as a standard feature of their system of play, except perhaps on the kick-off, where the open formation for receiving the ball, lends itself easily and naturally to backward and lateral passing. Here and there, bold coaches of inventive turn of mind, have occasionally used this play through all the years even from scrimmage, but now there will be a much larger number who will develop backward pass plays.

Because the technique of backward passing has not been developed generally since the early years of its history in the United States, it will probably take three or four years' use of the play in secondary schools to produce a generation of players who will have the requisite daring and skill to make the play completely effective. It is greatly to be hoped that backward passing will be thoroughly tried out by preparatory and high school teams in 1927.

And listen to this, fellows. Coach Stagg has invited us to be his guests to see the CHICAGO-INDIANA football game on SATURDAY, Oct. 8th... THREE CHEERS for COACH STAGG.

We mobilize between 55th and 56th on University Avenue at 1:30 sharp. Your SCOUT UNIFORM or CERTIFICATE of membership will admit you to the game. No troop flags or national flags.

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Hallowe'en, which brings to most of us visions of fun and jollity, is an old, old festival. The old Romans held it about the first of November in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees. In Britain the Druids celebrated a festival at the same time in honor of the sun god, and in thanksgiving for harvest, and the two festivals seem to have become one in the minds of the Britons. When the people became Christians the early Church Fathers wisely let them keep their old feast, but gave it a new association by holding it in commemoration of all departed souls. Thus the eve of the festival came to be called All Hallow E'en. The name comes from the old English word halve, or as we now say, holy, or known as the festival of All Saints.

It was considered formerly quite as safe not to be caught out alone on Hallowe'en; and even now it is considered good manners, at least, for elderly people to stay indoors. Many beliefs grew up about this feast, such as the belief that on this one night of all the year, the spirits of the departed were allowed to visit their old homes. In many parts of the old countries food was left, hearths were carefully swept, and chairs were set in order before the inhabitants of the villages went to rest.

Many of the old superstitions, some of them going back as far as pagan times, came to this country with our Puritan ancestors, and though they lost their meaning long ago, we still keep some of the quaint old customs.



## DISTRICT NEWS

### SOUTH WEST

September 24th, Saturday—Athletic meet at Hamilton Park, 3 p. m.

September 28th, Wednesday—Swimming Meet at Englewood Y. M. C. A., 7 p. m.

October 12th, Wednesday—7 p. m., Court of Review for Life and Star.

October 21st, Friday—7:30 p. m., Court of Honor at Englewood High School.

### NORTH WEST

The first fall meeting of the Scoutmasters' Association will be held at the Association House on Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p. m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this first meeting when fall plans will be outlined.

Board of Review for 2nd and 1st class will be held at Association House on Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:00 p. m.

Board of Review for Merit Badge will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 p. m.

Court of Honor for Merit Badge, Life, Star and Eagle awards will be held on Monday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p. m.

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## NORTH SHORE

All troops of the North Shore District are eagerly looking forward to participating in what will be the first annual Field Day of the district. The troops will assemble in Welles Park on Saturday afternoon, October 22nd, where one of the largest Scout assemblies and parades ever held on the north side will be staged by Scouts of the North Shore District under the direction of the Scoutleaders Association.

Following this display of uniform badges, flags and banners there will be a Scoutcraft contest including such events as camp pitching, fire building, signaling, knot tying, pyramid building, tugs of war.

The contest has been outlined and will be conducted under the supervision of a committee made up of Herbert Spitzer, chairman, George Anderson, Paul G. Spitzer, Arthur Gjertsen and C. H. Grigg. Special arrangements have been made with the Lincoln Park Commissioners for the exclusive use of Welles Park on that date. It is expected that a very large crowd of spectators will be there. A unique feature of the awards which will be given includes a prize for the troop which has the largest representation of Scout mothers in the crowd.

## PARK DEDICATION

The dedication of Kiwanis Park at Christiana and the river where the North Shore District Drum and Bugle Corps has met during the past year, will be formally conducted under the auspices of the Albany Park Kiwanis Club. Scouts will be on duty for guard service and to conduct the flag raising ceremony. Troop 884 will on that occasion be officially presented with the Albany Park Kiwanis contest shield which they won earlier this year. This troop is located at the Avondale Presbyterian Church with Harry Wolff as Scoutmaster.

## DISTRICT REVIEWS

The Boards of Review and Courts of Review for North Shore District will be changed somewhat for the coming year with the Western Board of Review meeting at the Irving Park Baptist Church at Irving Park Blvd. and Kostner Ave., with Arthur Gjertsen as chairman. The Court of Review for the Western section will continue at the Irving Park Presbyterian Church.

There has been no change in the Ravenswood examining boards and Mr. H. E. Bishop will continue as chairman; while the Edgewater-Rogers Park boards will meet at the Edgewater Presbyterian Church this year and the Lake View boards at Trinity Lutheran Church. The latter is under the chairmanship of Mr. Wilbur N. Cross.

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## KIWANIS NORTH

The week-end camp for the North Shore Scouts known as Camp Kiwanis North, located in the Forest Preserve north of Desplaines at Dam No. 2, will continue to be open week-ends for the fall and winter season under the direction of Eagle Scout Milton Gray. From the number of reservations for this camp, all indications point to it being crowded to capacity throughout the fall and winter with many troops and Scouts on the waiting list. Milton Gray will be there to assist in the passing of tests and giving Scout instruction in the various outdoor phases of the program including nature study, cooking and general camp conduct. Scoutmasters wishing to make reservations for week-ends should get in touch at once with district officials so as to avoid any discouragement for their troops and boys who are hoping to spend a week-end there.

Throughout the summer the camp was conducted by Harry Alban and over 450 boys spent an average of 3.8 days there.

## DISTRICT ROUND-UP

The Scout Leaders Association of the North Shore District are planning on directing and sponsoring a Round-Up and Rally of all the troops of the North Shore District early in the month of October. Complete arrangements for the affair are being made by a committee composed of Scoutmasters Arthur Gjertsen, George Anderson, Paul Spitzer, Herbert Spitzer, and C. Hamlett Grigg. The contests will be held in one of the larger parks of the North Side. Such events as fire by friction, water boiling, semaphore signaling on human towers, knot tying, tug of war, wall scaling, and first aid, will be included on the program. The purpose of the Rally is to arouse enthusiasm and give all troops a starting point for the fall and winter season. All troops of the district, regardless of their entering the contest, will participate in the assembly.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

October 12th—7:30 p. m.—Davis Square, 45th and Marshfield Ave. Two-a-Month Club. This club is open to First Class Scouts and leaders who desire to receive instruction and examination in merit badge subjects. Experts are on hand at each meeting to give the instruction. Mr. Parker will be in charge.

October 19th—7:30 p. m.—Cornell Square, 51st and Wood Streets, Board of Review for Second, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scouts.

October 26th—6:30 p. m.—Dinner of Scout Leaders' Association—Club rooms of the Stock Yards Business and Civic Association, 47th and Ashland Avenue, over the Depositors State Bank. Scout leaders should notify headquarters now, if they care to have places reserved. All Scout Leaders are invited.

A special program of interest will be furnished by the officers of the Association.

October 26th—7:30 p. m.—Davis Square for the Two-a-Month Club.

## SOUTH SHORE

Final Model Yacht Races, Sunday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m., Ogden Park, Marquette and Racine Ave.

South Shore District Courts of Review will be held as follows:

Douglas—South Side Community House, 3201 S. Wabash Ave., October 11.

Hyde Park—Community House, 5035 Greenwood Ave., October 12.

Triangle—Ingleside M. E. Church, 76th and Ingleside Ave., October 17.

Roosevelt—Trinity Epis. Church, 125 E. 36th St., October 18.

Shoreland—South Shore Pres. Church, 76th and South Shore Drive, October 18.

Woodlawn—Fellowship Cong. Church, 863 E. 64th St., October 18.

Loop—Illinois Bell Telephone Co., 212 W. Washington St., October 20.

Scout Leaders Association meeting Oct. 20th.

Court of Honor will be held on October 28. Save the date.



Starting October 1, it will be necessary to conform with the rule that has been adopted of closing the entrants for any Court of Review six days before that court. That is, if the court of review is held on Tuesday evening, the closing date for receiving cards will be the preceding Tuesday afternoon. This is made necessary because of the tremendous volume of work handled.

## CALUMET

### The Fifth Period Was a Knock-Out

True to advance notices, the fifth period at Camp West which in this district has become known as the Calumet Period, was better than any one had dared hope it would be. The camp was full to capacity with over two hundred boys and men, the weather was ideal, and every one in camp seemed to be trying all the time to hit the ball on the nose when it came to making sure every Scout in camp was having a happy and profitable time. Every day was in fact a big day with the Indian Fight, the visit of James E. West, Chief Scout Executive, and Skipper Niver's County Fair being perhaps the outstanding events. Camp West won the all camp treasure for the second time running.

This year for the first time, the Calumet Scouts were really up in front as some of the outstanding campers, due to the fact that many of them were old campers who knew what it was all about and could help keep their groups in the foreground. There was a keen race on during the entire period between Camps Friendly and Thrifty for the inspection honors. The one winning usually had to make a grade of 100 per cent.

### Court of Honor Plan to Continue

The plan tried out for the past three months has worked so successfully that it will be continued permanently. It is simply taking the Merit Badge examinations from the regular Courts of the Eastern and Western Division, and hav-

ing special Merit Badge examinations on the third Tuesday for Eastern Division, while it is the fourth Tuesday for the Western. At these Merit Badge Courts, the Star, Life and Eagle reviews will be made. There will be no change for the present in Blue Island—the Court meeting on the second Monday for all classes.

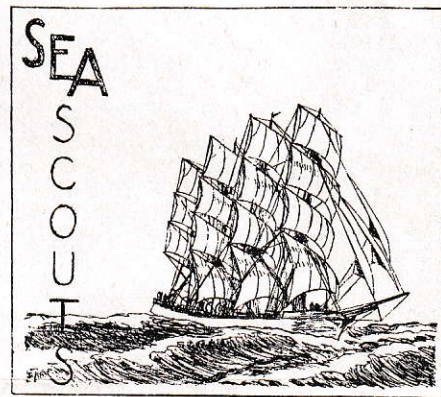
### It Will Rise Again

As most of you know, Int Hout Lodge is a thing of the past. Due to the fact that two dumbsock boys hacked trees near the cabin, it was necessary to close the cabin and move it off by October 1. Those two boys should have something to think about for some time to come.

At this writing, plans are under way to provide outdoor over night facilities for the Calumet District. Your Scoutmasters will be kept informed. Keep in touch with them for developments. The chances are very good that you will have a chance to help build the new camp.

### Armistice Day Jamboree

Attention is called to the Calumet District annual fall classic—the Armistice Day Jamboree, the program of which always includes a treasure hunt. Your Scoutmasters will tell you the details when they have been worked out.



## NOKOMIS NEWS

The Seascouts sailing aboard the Nokomis during the Labor Day cruise have plenty to talk about.

This was the longest and most enjoyable cruise of the season.

The Triangular race was run at the same time and the Nokomis sailed with the fleet.

The course was from Chicago to St. Joe, St. Joe to Michigan City, and Michigan City, home.

The "Noko" furnished a bunch of thrills to the spectators at Michigan City by her exciting finish a half boat length ahead of Sally VII and Siren, the 1927 Mackinac winner.

Skippers Ort and Baker were in command and Justin Winney, Ed. Roth, L. Oloff, Andreen, Joe Lo, Brennan and Berger made up the crew.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Ort spun many yarns while in St. Joe and Michigan City.

The Amusement Parks were given the once over several times by the crew.

In Michigan City, Ed. Roth as champion of Nokomis, showed up the fleet by ringing the bell 12 times in the mallet swinging contest.

Hot meals were cooked on the galley range and were rapidly consumed by the voracious crew. The men all slept aboard ship and they found the bunks very comfortable.

## SEASCOUT NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 11, the Viking ship, "Lief Eriksson," was escorted into Chicago Harbor by an imposing fleet of power and sail boats. Several Seascout craft were in the escort on orders of the Portmaster. There was almost a calm and the Viking boat had to be towed by the Coast Guard, surrounded by cutter crews of hardy Norsemen rigged up in tin hats and tunics. There was a great celebration afterwards and a large crowd inspected the Viking boat.

A trim looking navy cutter with a new lug rig is being sailed by Seascouts of the Farragut. Many favorable comments were heard from yachtsmen on her appearance and evident seaworthiness.

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